

Frankford Arsenal, Building 207
Northwest corner of Baker Street and Hagner Road
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Location: Northwest corner of Baker Street and Hagner Road
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Quad: Frankford

Date of Construction: 1919

Significance: Building 207 is associated with the expansion of Frankford Arsenal, the U.S. Army's principal manufacturer of small arms ammunition, that followed the United States' entry into World War I.

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HISTORY

The F. W. Work Company constructed Building 207 as a stable in 1918-1919. In 1941, the Works Progress Administration (WPA) remodeled the first floor of the building for use as a storehouse. By 1955, the building was being used as a plant engineering building. Its last use was as a storage building.

DESCRIPTION

Building 207 is a two-story brick building, with concrete foundations, measuring approximately 36 feet by 65 feet. The building has a cement tile gable roof, with two ventilators located along the ridge line and a corbeled brick cornice with partial returns. Window openings are segmental arches with soldier course brick arches and concrete sills. Window sash are two-over-two units that open around a horizontal center-pivot. Two-leaf paneled and glazed doors are located within segmental arches centered on the north and south facades. The interior is divided into a large open room that formerly housed the stalls at the south end of the building and three small rooms at the north end. The second floor is undivided open space with exposed steel Howe roof trusses.

SOURCE

John Milner Associates, "Historical and Archeological Survey of Frankford Arsenal," West Chester, PA: John Milner Associates, 1979.

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